



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those parents who have used Kirkgate Childcare in our second year of opening. The nursery has gone from strength to strength, we are very excited about the future of Kirkgate Childcare and watching the children continue to grow. I am very proud to be part of such a dedicated and passionate team who have quality childcare at the heart of everything they do.

We will also be saying goodbye to those children who will be starting the next chapter of their lives in their reception class at school and have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and visiting their new classrooms. We celebrated their time with us by having two Teddy Bears Picnics, big thanks to the parents that attended

We know that all the children are leaving us with high levels of well being and are ready for their next challenge.....They are ready but our hearts are just not ready to say goodbye

We have really enjoyed being part of yours and your children's lives throughout their time here..... We have celebrated achievements, helped out in moments of upset, cried happy and sad tears but most of all we have enjoyed watching the children grow and develop into strong, independent little people.

**We wish you luck, We wish you happiness, We wish you fun!**

Don't forget to send us photos of your child's first day at school!

We are excited to meet lots of new families who are visiting in the next few weeks ready to start in September.

## A few reminders

Please remember to place an ice pack in your child's lunch box to keep it nice and cool until lunch time

Please ensure to leave some spare clothes in a draw string bag on your child's peg, whilst we do have some spare clothes we don't have the space to store large amounts of different sized clothes

**We currently have a child in setting that has severe allergies to a number of foods, we have various things in place to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction but ask for your help in this matter by ensuring that children's packed lunches do not include anything with peanuts or tree nuts. (almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, chestnuts, hazelnut, Macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, walnuts**

**If exposed to these products it can cause Anaphylaxis which is the most serious type of allergic reaction, if you have any questions please speak to Kim or Sarah however, we will always respect confidentiality with all our families where necessary.**

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our named First Aiders are.

Dawn Stevenson

Sarah Balata

Kate Johnson

Kim Foxhall

Lucy Bingham

Holly Conway



### Dates for your diary

#### Staff training days:

Wednesday 16th October 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 20th July 2020.

Nursery will re – open:

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

**Funding is received from the authority for 38 weeks a year, therefore if your child has a funded place and attends in the school holidays that we are open or the first week in September there will be a charge to yourself of either £38 a day or £19 half a day.**

Nursery closed: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

### Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

**(SEN)** is something that we are very passionate about as we believe that every child is unique and require the right support and challenges to succeed.

As we have new children starting over the next few weeks, we would like to make you aware of a child with identified SEN needs this child has a condition called Epidermolysis Bullosa, which means their skin blisters with friction and shearing forces. We encourage the children to be mindful of how they play physically with and alongside this child. If you have any concerns about the above information please speak to Sarah who is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, however we will always respect confidentiality with all our families where necessary

## Parking at nursery

We have received a number of complaints regarding inappropriate parking over the last few weeks, please can we remind all parents/visitors to park in the bays provided and ask that no one parks in the thoroughfare outside nursery as this is not a parking bay. The carpark is becoming very busy and this is to allow access in and out of the carpark at all times. As always, the yellow cone will be placed in our bays to allow sufficient parking for parents dropping off and collecting

## Drawstring Bags

Please can we ask that children use drawstring bags to bring spare clothes, nappies and wipes rather than rucksacks. We only have a small entrance and we are finding that there is not enough room on the pegs when rucksacks are on them. If you have already purchased a ruck sack we don't expect you to buy a new one but politely ask that they are placed neatly under the pegs rather than on the pegs.

## Recommended Deadline is approaching



Not sure what support **you** could get with childcare costs? Go to [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)



Some of our children that have turned three over the last term may be eligible to receive 30 hours free childcare.

This is available from the term after your child turns three, **the recommended time to apply for a September start is between the 15th June to 31st July. This can be applied for on the childcare choice's website.** If you need help or advice with applying please speak to your child's key person

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time. You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.

**Parent Partnership is crucial to us and your child.** Thank you to all those parents who share their child's adventures and achievements via our parent email ([kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com](mailto:kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com)) and in their Learning journey. Please could you let us know if you and your family celebrate any religious festivals and we will share these at nursery.

Please take a look at our planning board which is displayed near the water area.

**Question of the month "if you have or need to make a complaint do you know who to go to?"**

100% of you answered 'Yes' to "Have you updated your childcare code or applied for your 30 hours childcare for September on the childcare choices website?"

**Parent Partnership helps us plan effectively. Thank you.**

**If you would like to see what your child has been learning we regularly share photos and updates on our website blog and Facebook**

## Grant Forms for funded places

We will be beginning to hand out grand funding forms over the next few days, we would like to politely ask that these are returned as soon as possible so that we can store them appropriately in the event that they are requested for audit.

## Term Time Only or All Year-Round Place

We have noticed while gathering numbers for the Easter holidays that there is some confusion surrounding TTO and AYR places – we would like to bring to your attention that in September our terms and conditions were sent out for this school year and parents will have chosen a TTO or AYR place. If you signed for a term time only place then holidays will need to be booked when we begin to collect numbers for the holidays and if you signed for an all year round place this means that you are paying for the holidays as well and these will be charged for as per the terms and conditions. A copy will have been issued to parents once signed

Going forward we will no longer be calling holiday care "holiday club" we will be offering TTO and AYR places as we staff for the holidays based on what kind of place has been booked

We require four weeks' notice to make amendments to your child's days/booking